

The Last of The Winning Seven Nominated

J.D. Hyndman will Represent Edmonton Conservatives

The Conservative convention held in Edmonton yesterday nominated James D. Hyndman, of the law firm of Hyndman, Dawson and Hyndman, to contest the federal district in opposition to Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior.

The convention was intensely enthusiastic. The headquarters of the association were filled to standing room with the delegates, members of the association and friends of the party generally, there being nearly three hundred people present.

In the absence of ex-Mayor Griesthach, President of the Federal Association, J. L. Lambert, ex-M.P.A., and vice-president of the association took the chair, and shortly after two o'clock the proceedings of the convention were set in motion. A. Williamson Taylor, president of the city association was appointed secretary pro tem.

After reports from the various associations had been read, President Griesthach's address was in his absence read by Mr. Williamson Taylor. The chairman then announced that the meeting was ready to receive nominations, when the following gentlemen proposed:

Jas. D. Hyndman, moved by Dr. McKinley, Spruce Grove, and seconded by Dr. W. D. Ferris, Edmonton.
A. M. Calderon, moved by J. A. Macdonald, and seconded by M. T. Shaw.

Win Short, K.C., moved by W. L. Clegg and seconded by E. T. McMillan.
A. Driscoll, moved by John Hall and seconded by H. Beutley.

W. A. Griesthach, moved by F. P. Newell, seconded by H. Oppershausen.

Dr. H. L. McMillan, moved by Dr. Jamieson, seconded by R. Secord.
R. Secord, moved by H. L. Landry, seconded by J. N. Poirer.

Upon the nominations being declared closed, Mr. Secord, Dr. McMillan, Mr. Short, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Beutley withdrew in favor of the choice of the convention. Mr. Calderon permitted his name to go to ballot, as also did Mr. Hyndman, and when the vote was taken there appeared 18 for the former and 50 for the latter. Upon the declaration of Mr. Calderon, amidst ringing cheers, the nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. Hyndman in accepting the nomination thanked the delegates for the great honor they had conferred upon him. He assured them that anything that came within his power would be done in order to bring victory to the party, and he had no reason to suspect that they would be defeated.

"I have no hesitation in offering my opinion that the Conservatives will sweep this country at the next election. I have no fear either as to the result in this district."

Stirring addresses were made by Dr. McMillan, H. L. Landry, H. A. Mackie, C. J. Brown, H. M. Evans, Dr. H. R. Smith, Lucien Dubie, H. Brunton, secretary of the provincial association, C. C. Weisbach, Spruce Grove and C. H. Griesthach, Belmont.

Dr. McMillan in his remarks gave a few reminiscences of past campaign and told the convention some of the difficulties they would have to contend with. He said that Hon. Frank Oliver would deliver a brilliant speech, money could do it, "but," he said "if it took the Liberals \$200,000 to win Oliver's last election, with the grim determination and enthusiastic feeling manifested among the Conservatives, it would take a million at the next election." The doctor declared that if the Liberals defeated the Conservatives they would not do so honestly; but the party would not stop at anything to bring about that result.

Mysterious Countess

Paris, March 24.—A series of mysterious hotel robberies on the Riviera extending over many years, have been explained in the arrest of the beautiful, dashing but masquerading Countess of Monteil. For years the countess enticed lavishly in Paris, and her wealth in jewels has drawn comment and admiration from far and near. Now she is declared to be one of the most ingenious, successful and audacious hotel thieves that ever troubled hotel proprietors in France.

Her arrest at Nice reveals her not as a captivating countess but as a thoroughly up-to-date burglar carrying concealed in her bewitching garments an array of burglar's implements of intricate workmanship which opened to her any hotel room in the Riviera which she knew how to gain.

Her wealth in money and valuable it was several years ago that the first thoughts of police suspicion directed towards the countess and her sensational arrest at Nice at one of the famous hotels in the examination of long watchfulness by the French detective service.

Her undoing came in a moment of over-eagerness to rob when waiting detectives found her enveloped in a long, and beautiful cloak hanging over the door of a wealthy American tourist. When the woman was searched by the police there was found hidden in concealed pockets in her clothes, pinners, files, skeleton keys, screw drivers and twenty-seven pairs of small and delicately made nippers used by burglars to unlock and lock doors with its own key when the key is on the other side of the door.

Detectives will seek to prove moreover, that the masquerading countess was in fact the active director of a band of hotel robbers, mostly men, some of whom have been arrested and whose aggregate loot is of great financial value.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE DEAD.

Canter, Mar. 24.—Spencer Compton Cavendish, eighth Duke of Devonshire died today from brain failure, aged seventy-four.

London, Mar. 24.—The news of the death of the Duke of Devonshire came unexpectedly in England and caused widespread sorrow. Recent reports had been rather encouraging.

In the death of the Duke of Devonshire a prominent figure in English political life has been removed. Known as the Marquis of Hartington in the House of Commons he occupied for many years a leading position in parliamentary life. At the formation of the Unionist party in 1886, the result of the 1895 election, he was elected leader and retained that position till 1903 when the tariff reformers caused him to resign. He was a staunch free trader and refused to take up Chamberlain's policy of protection. He has held numerous cabinet positions and was a warm personal friend of the king.

He is succeeded by his nephew, the Hon. Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P.

Power of The Press

Berlin, March 24.—The strike of the Reichstag journalists, which began on Thursday last, was settled this evening. Under pressure from the various party leaders, Herr Groeber, the chief leader, who had called the journalists "scoundrels" because they loved a statement by a member to the effect that negroes also had immortal souls, read a statement at the end of the day's sitting expressing apologies for the language he had used in referring to the journalists. At the conclusion of the statement it was voted to return to work on Thursday.

In the course of the strike not a line has been printed here on the proceedings in the Reichstag, and as a result of this failure of publicity, a large number of the members declined to deliver speeches, which they had given notice, thus greatly impeding the work of the house.

Why Dr. Thompson Turned Conservative

Dr. Alfred Thompson, M.P., for the Yukon Territory joined the Conservative party. To an interviewer the doctor said that he had recently definitely chosen in his lot with the Conservative party for the season that R. L. Borden's platform appealed to him, and he thought it was the right policy to further the interests of the Dominion. Civil service reform was something that Canada needs.

Asked what he thought of the post office surplus of \$5,000,000 and of the budget Dr. Thompson said the surplus should be applied to the improvement of the mail routes for the young provinces in the west. The post office should not be a money making concern, and any surplus that accrues should be used for the reclamation of the rural postal system.

The budget to him was a great disappointment. Expenditure has increased beyond all reasonable bounds and there is no hope of any retrenchment. We are spending now this present year about \$6 per head for every man, woman and child we have in Canada, and he could hardly find words to express his indignation on this fact. Asked what he thought of the feeling of the country was in regard to a change of government, the doctor said he thought the time was ripe for changes, and there was every sign that it was going to be made. He leaves for the Yukon in the morning in order to get home before the ice breaks up, otherwise he would not get back till June.

GERMANY AND BRITISH NAVY

Berlin, March 24.—Speaking in the Reichstag today, Chancellor Von Bismarck declared he regretted his inability to give out the contents of Emperor William's letter to Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the British Admiralty, which had created such a stir in England. He said this communication was purely private and the assertion that it was an attempt to influence the naval policy of Great Britain was absolutely without foundation.

"The purely defensive character of our naval programme in the face of the attempts to impute to us aggressive intentions and plans toward Great Britain cannot be repeated too often or too sharply," the Chancellor declared. "We desire to live at peace also. In quiet with Great Britain and we therefore feel bitterly that some British publicist should continue to talk of the German danger, especially when Great Britain has always had a fleet several times as large as ourselves while other nations also have more powerful navies than we. It would tend to the peace of both countries and the world if this controversy came to an end. It is satisfactorily to know that the attempts made in England to create a false impression regarding this communication have fallen through."

GIGANTIC SWINDLERS

Paris, March 25.—A sensation has been caused by the arrest here this afternoon of a man named Henri Rochette on the charges of conducting swindling swindles on an enormous scale, he was at one time was in an obscure French town.

He came to Paris to seek his fortune in which he was eminently successful. He founded the Franco-Spanish bank and boasted not less than a dozen mining enterprises in which he is a director and whose stock was eagerly purchased by French investors.

It now develops that his methods were fraudulent, and the complaint against him alleges that he has stolen \$1,000,000 through the medium of his various companies.

His "defendants" continually founding new companies and issued stock. He is charged that he manipulated the stock of his companies by means of a balance sheet.

Clay Clement



Who will appear Strathcona Opera House if March 30 and 31, 1908.

We had the opportunity last night of seeing Mr. Clay Clement for the first time. The play billed, was the late Dion Boucicault well known comedy "London Assurance."

Those who were present had an undoubted treat and we have no hesitation in saying that we have never in this country seen an actor approaching Mr. Clement's ability and very few in that land of artists England. That Mr. Clement must be an actor of extreme versatility is undoubted. To include in his repertoire such wide ly divergent characters as Mathias in the Bulls and Sir Harcourt Courly in London Assurance, a phenomenal feat of comedy argues great histrionic genius. Curiously while the bells re mind one of the late Sir Henry Irving in London Assurance, the phenomenal feat of comedy argues great histrionic genius. Curiously while the bells re mind one of the late Sir Henry Irving in London Assurance, the phenomenal feat of comedy argues great histrionic genius. Curiously while the bells re mind one of the late Sir Henry Irving in London Assurance, the phenomenal feat of comedy argues great histrionic genius.

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETS MONDAY

The first meeting of the Senate of Alberta Provincial University will take place on Monday in the Oddfellows' Temple Strathcona.

CHINESE INDIGNATION

(Special to The Chronicle)
Canton, China, Mar 25.—Great indignation prevails here against the Government for yielding to the Japanese demands in the Tatsu Massacre. It is considered that this action has brought disgrace upon the province.

The Self-Government Society of Canton has organized several public meetings at which resolutions were adopted to the effect that the anniversary of the release of the Tatsu Massacre be observed as a day of public mourning. Resolutions were also passed declaring a boycott on Japanese goods and recommending the impeachment of Utagawa Kai, of the board of Foreign Affairs, for weakness in yielding to Japanese demands.

NO CHEAP FUEL FOR WINNIPEG

(Special to The Chronicle)
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Chronicle Literary Columns

AT FOURSCORE.

By Charles Buxton Going.

His body, warped and brown and thin,
Is like some quaint old violin.
Till it hears the lasting trace
Of the dead player's hand and face—
Played to old airs of love and pain
Till it has broken with the strain.
But even yet, when some one brings
A master touch, the poor worn strings
Wake from his heart of bygone years,
A music that is blind with tears.

On the way to the office of his
publishers, one crisp fall morning, Jay
Whitcomb "Riley" met an unusually
large number of acquaintances who
greeted him conventionally upon the
street. This unmitigated applause
surprised him. When greeted at the
office with "Nice day, Mr. Riley," he
smiled broadly.

"Yes," he agreed. "Yes, I've heard
it very highly spoken of."

TO HELEN.

Helen, thy beauty is to me
Like those Nixean barks of yore,
That gently, o'er a perfumed sea,
The weary, way-worn wanderer bore
To his own native shore.

On desperate seas long wont to roam,
Thy hyacinth hair, thy classic face,
Thy Naiad airs have brought me home
To the glory that was Greece,
And the grandeur that was Rome.

Lo, in your brilliant window-niche
How statue-like I see you stand,
The agate lamp within thy hand—
Ah, Psyche, from the regions which
Are holy land!

Edgar Allen Poe.

Comptrolleur Metc of New York op-
posed a certain bill on the ground that
it would accomplish nothing.
"That bill," he said, "would effect
no more real change than did the
kindness of the canalboat captain to the
weary actor. And enforced
diffidence of two months," the actor
was offered an engagement in a town
twenty-five miles away, on condition
that he report for work that evening
at seven o'clock.

"Well," he patted up his worn shoes
as best he could, pinned up his ward-
robe in an old newspaper, and set
out along the towpath of the canal.
But after miles he had covered some nine
or ten miles, the poor fellow's boots
gave out, and a little farther along
footsores and weary, he gave up in de-
spair and threw himself on the brass
by the bank of the canal.

"As he lay there cursing his fate
a canal-boat hove in sight. The actor
was seized with an inspiration.

"Captain!" he shouted, as the boat
drew near. "Pull up, captain! For
the love of heaven, pull up!"
"Wait?" inquired the captain as he
stopped the boat.

"Captain," pleaded the actor, "I've
simply got to get to Des Moines to-
night to play second heavy in 'The
Pitts of Pittsburgh,' and I can't
walk another step. Can't you give me
a lift? I'll gladly work my passage."
"Right-O," said the captain, with a
kindly nod. "Lead the mule."

The crocus, while the days are dark,
Unfolds its shaven shire;
At April's touch, the earliest bark
Discovers gems of green.

Then sleep the seasons, fall of might;
While slowly swells the pod.
'Till rounds the peach, and in the
night

The muskroom bursts the sod.

The winter falls; the frozen rat,
Is bound with silver bars;
The snow-drift flees against the
hut,
The night is pierced with stars.

Coventry Patmore

President Manuel Amador of Pan-
ama tells this little tale of a certain
Cuban Millionaire:

"An unfortunate man once obtained
access to this millionaire and started
to lay before him his woes. He
deplored his wretched poverty. In
most vivid colors. Indeed, so graphic
was the man's sad story that the
millionaire felt himself affected as no
had never been before. With tears in
his eyes he summoned his servant and
in a quivering voice said:
"John, put this poor fellow out. He
is breaking my heart."

IN DAYS OF YORE.

TO—On Reading Some Elizabethan Verse.

In days of yore when Bess was Queen,
And Shakespeare played the whole
world-wide

Metaphors the earth wore brighter
green!
How splendid then it must have been
To live immortal men beside

In days of yore,
And yet (though what I say can
mean,
My lady, little cause for shame)
Still let me say, for you abide,
That none so sweet as you can be.

In days of yore,
Isabel Ormiston

Gertie: "I can't understand why
Short wants a divorce. His wife had
nearly half a million when he married
her."
Bertie: "Yes, and she has every
penny of it still. That's just the trou-
ble."

Nervous Lady (on seventh floor
of hotel): "Do you know what pre-
cautions the proprietor of the hotel
has taken against fire?"
Porter: "Yes, mum; he has the
place insured for twice what it's worth!"

The Conservative Platform

As Laid Down by Mr. R. L. Borden The Con-
servative Leader

1. Honest appropriation and expen-
diture of public money in the public
interest.

2. Appointment of public officials
upon consideration of capacity and
personal character and not of party
service alone.

3. More effective provisions to pre-
vent bribery and fraud at elections,
to ensure thorough publicity as to ex-
penditures by political organizations,
to prevent the accumulation of campaign
funds for corrupt purposes and to pre-
vent contributions thereto by corpora-
tions, contractors and promoters, to
expedite hearing of election petitions
and to prevent collusive arrangements
for the withdrawal or compromise
thereof, to provide for a thorough in-
vestigation of corrupt practices and
if necessary to appoint an independent
prosecuting officer to enforce the laws
so amended.

4. A thorough and complete re-
formation of the laws relating to the
Civil Service so that future appoint-
ments shall be made by an indepen-
dent commission acting upon the re-
port of examiners after competitive
examination.

5. Such reform in the selecting of
members of the senate as will make
that chamber a more useful and re-
sponsible body.

6. A more careful selection of the
sources from which immigration shall
be sought, a more rigid inspection of
immigrants and the abolition of the
bonus system, except under very spe-
cial circumstances and for the pur-
pose of obtaining parliamentary elec-
tion districts of settlers.

7. The management and develop-
ment of the public domain (in which
are to be included great national for-
estries) for the public benefit and the
proportion of the increment of value
arising therefrom shall inure to the
people.

8. The operation and management
of our government railways by an in-
dependent commission, free from parti-
san control or interference.

9. Development and improvement of
our national waterways, the equip-
ment of national ports, the improve-
ment of transportation facilities and
subsequent reduction of freight rates
between the place of production and
market, whether at home or abroad,
and the establishment of a thorough
system of cold storage.

10. The re-organization of the pre-
sent railway commission as a public
utilities commission with wider power
and more extended jurisdiction, so as
to establish thorough and effective
control over all corporations owning
or operating public utilities or in-
vested with franchises of a national
character.

11. The establishment after due in-
vestigation of a system of national
telegraphs and telephones under con-
ditions which shall just to capital al-
ready invested in those enterprises.

12. The improvement of existing
postal facilities, especially in newly
developed portions of the country, and
immigration, after proper enquiry
as to cost of a system of free
rural mail delivery.

13. A fiscal policy which will pro-
mote the production within Canada
of all useful articles that can be ad-
vantageously manufactured from or by
means of our natural resources, hav-
ing due regard to the interests of the
consumer as well as to just claims of
our wage-earning population.

14. The promotion by negotiation
and other constitutional means of a
system of mutual preferential trade
within the empire.

15. The restoration of the public
lands to the provinces of Alberta and

Saskatchewan upon fair terms.
16. The universal maintenance of
all powers of self-government which
have been conferred upon the provin-
ces of Canada under the constitution.

AMERICAN FLEET.

London, March 24.—Great Britain
has not invited the United States bat-
tleship fleet to visit England as it re-
turns home or to make any official
calls at British ports on its way, as
the British admiralty understands
that the American government does
not desire that the voyage be further
delayed. It is understood that the
United States has expressed the wish
that there should be no demonstration
in honor of the fleet at the British
ports in the Mediterranean. It is pos-
sible however, that the British Atlan-
tic fleet will be at Gibraltar when the
American squadron passes through
the Strait, in which event the usual
courtesies will be extended.

BLOW TO BRITISH LIBERALISM.

London, March 25.—The most recent
fought bye-election for the prompt
parliament, which was reconvened
through the death of Charles Goddard
Clarke, member of Peckham, south of
the Thames, resulted to-day is a great
victory for the Unionists, whose
candidate, S. C. Gooch, was elected by
a majority of 2,489.

The contest today entered largely in
the government Housing bill, and the
conversion of a large Liberal majority
into a still greater conservative ma-
jority, is a striking demonstration
against that measure.

The announcement of the return in
the house of commons caused a scene
of greatest excitement. There were
Unionist shouts demanding that the
government resign.

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Read the criticisms of Edmonton that are reproduced in the columns of this paper. They will tell the Story. A list has been handed about Town and the sale of Seats will start Thursday at 10 a.m. It would be well to secure your seats early at Duncan's Drug Store

Prices \$1.50, \$1.00 75c, and 50c.

